of theft of passengers' belongings were registered during the year 2001 as compared to 6941 cases registered in 2000.

(c) Though the responsibility to curb crime on Railways lies with the State Governments, the Railways have taken the following steps to supplement the efforts of the State Governments:—

1. Anti-social elements are being removed from Railways premises and trains by RPF.
2. Proper watch is being kept by Coach Attendents/TTEs on the passengers entering'/detraining from the coaches and the coaches are properly locked during their run especially in night hours.
3. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Station Masters/ RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.
4. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is being done at all levels.
5. Announcement through Public Address System and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.
6. Police and Local Police are being conducted to analyse the crime position on Railways with a view to take suitable preventive measures.
7. Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence are shared between RPF and the GRP at all levels.

Non-introduction of new trains for Allahabad

†3464. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are ignoring the increasing number of passengers in Allahabad, the historical, mythological and political city;

(b) whether Allahabad has been deprived of Shatabdi Express and new - trains introduced recently to link all the big cities with capitals, and no train has been introduced from Allahabad;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Bareilly Shatabdi is being operated without adequate passengers?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no demand for Shatabdi Express for Allahabad. However, it is proposed to introduce 3 pairs of Express trains—*viz.* Guwahati-Jodhpur/Bikaner Express, Ahmedabad-Varanasi Express and Hatia-LokmanyaTilak Terminus (Mumbai) Express *via* Allahabad during 2002-2003.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Bareilly Shatabdi is poorly patronised.

Cockroaches in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Trains

3465. SHRIYADLAPATIVENKATRAO:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATARAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether complaints of cockroaches in A.C. coaches in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express, have been reported;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Asian Age dated the 25th February, 2002 under the caption ""Rajdhani man pins cockroach to complaint".

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for negligence in maintaining cleanliness;

(e) the action taken to sterlize the prestigious trains before start; and

(f) the measures proposed to check such menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJ AGOPAL): (a) Yes, sir. Some complaints regarding cockroaches in Rajdhani and Shatabdi have been received.

(b) and (c) The news item appeared in the Asian Age on 25th February, 2002 under the caption ""Rajdhani man pins cockroach to Complaint". Investigations indicated that Shri Rajkumar Sureka, a Rajdhani passenger, made a complaint about cockroaches inside AC coaches and pinned a cockroach to the complaint book.

(d) The logistics of providing cooked food and edibles to large number of passengers including children three times a day involving preparation, storage, serving and disposal of leftovers are difficult and challenging particularly with respect to control of pests and insects which feed on the food items. Railways have taken all possible measures in this regard including engagement of pest control agencies for ensuring pest free coaches. All coaches undergo periodical pest control treatment under close supervision. New methods are constantly